

VOICE OF THE VINEYARD



"Ye shall go forth in the power of my Spirit, preaching my gospel, two by two, in my name, lifting up your voices as with the sound of a trumpet, declaring my word like unto angels of God. And ye shall go forth baptizing with water, saying: Repent ye, ... for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". (D&C 42:6-7)



We have just completed a wonderful Mission Tour by Elder and Sister Rolfe Kerr of the Seventy. He was very impressed with our mission and the work that is going on here. He was less than pleased with our obedience to some universal mission rules. These rules separate us out from being missionaries who are true servants of the Lord and missionaries who are just "on a mission". These rules included: getting up at or before 6:30am or 6:25am for us, one hour of personal study, one hour of companionship study, starting to proselyte at 10:00am, asking members and others for referrals, extending commitment invitations, teaching appointments one hour or less, companion within sight, using preparation day appropriately and in bed by

10:30pm. I was frankly ashamed of the response given by many of the missionaries surveyed. If we answer these simple rules of missionary life as being accomplished only "frequently" or "sometimes" rather than "always" I think it indicates we are on a mission but have not become missionaries. Remember that obedience to little things leads to big blessings of strength and power. We need and want the Spirit of the Lord so that we can "Speak with the tongue of angels". This cannot be done if we are only acting like and living like a missionary part of the time, i.e. not "always" but only "frequently" or "sometimes".

One of the things that Elder Kerr felt was inappropriate was the amount of hair gel that was being used by some of our missionaries. We need to avoid drawing attention to ourselves by our dress and hair styles. Too much hair gel draws attention away from the servant of the Lord that we are supposed to be. Again, remember, obedience to little things leads to big blessings of strength and power. Our mission should set the example of what missionaries should look like and be like, without any exceptions.

Some things should be obvious to us as servants of the Lord. We should not be enticed to look like men and women of the world but as true servants of the Lord. We have been given Prophets and Apostles as exemplars of what we should do and how we should look. As missionaries they have asked us to consecrate even more than regular members of the Church and become like them, true servants of the Lord. Beyond these rules the Lord has said, "...it is not meet that I should command in all things; for he that is compelled in all things, the same is a slothful and not a wise servant; wherefore he receiveth no reward."

This mission is marvelous and the work that is being done is amazing. You are to be commended for your diligence and hard work. Now let's see if we can become strictly obedient to all the rules and truly become missionaries and not just be on missions.

President Moeller

The Assistants Thought

In the scriptures we find that trials are not anything new.

In Mosiah 23-24 we read of Alma and his people who were captured by the Lamanites and put into bondage. Matthew 19:16-24 speaks of the young rich man who was told to sell all that he had and give to the poor. Alma and his people ended up getting out of bondage (Mosiah 24:16), but the young rich man failed as "he went away sorrowful" (Matthew 19:22).

Mosiah 23:21 tells us that these life challenges are a trial of our faith and patience. In the story of Alma and his people put into bondage, "they began to cry mightily to God" (Mosiah 24:10). At first the Lord didn't completely take their trials away, but he gave them the strength to get through (Mosiah 24:14). Eventually they were freed because "they did submit cheerfully and with patience to all the will of the Lord" and "so great was their faith and their patience" (Mosiah 24:15, 16). The young rich man didn't have the faith and patience to get through his test, neither did he submit cheerfully to the will of the Lord. Though his trial seemed impossible for him, Christ said, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

There are many things in our missions that are seemingly impossible. Cramming in one more bite of intestine soup (menudo, great dish that the Spanish program can tell you about) is pretty tough. Waking up at 6:25 am is not the easiest some days. When you've got a really golden investigator, but don't have the rule of 3 to get into the house, that too can be a challenge.

As you encounter the bowls of intestine soup of the mission, such as waking up at 6:25 am everyday, keeping the rule of 3, and having one hour study session with your companion every morning, remember that these things are a trial of our faith and patience. Will you cry mightily unto the Lord for help and submit cheerfully with patience, or walk away sorrowfully?

Remember Jesus Christ. He partook of the bitterest cup of all. His caused him to shed drops of blood from every pore. Show Him that you love Him by keeping His commandments, and the mission rules. Let us show Him that we love Him, "because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Elders and Sisters we love you, and remember, we are your assistants.

Love, Elder Wajchman, Elder Haight, and Elder Goeders



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

19 Feb Elder Wright
02 Mar Elder Nordfelt*
02 Mar Sister Norton*
03 Mar Sister Cannon
05 Mar Elder Holyoak
05 Mar Elder Lee
06 Mar Elder Cross
07 Mar Elder Paslay
09 Mar Elder Pollock*
09 Mar Sister Solomon

11 Mar Elder Munoz
13 Mar Sister Haefer
14 Mar Elder Rees
16 Mar Elder Coatney
18 Mar Elder Cavanaugh
22 Mar Elder Ivanov
24 Mar Elder Frye
24 Mar Elder Zelaya
30 Mar Elder Malouf

* Senior Missionaries



"Housing Hints" From the Brays



Make Your Beds!!!!

How many times has your mother pleaded, bribed or harped at you to complete this little task? Was she doing this just to make your life miserable? Did she give up on you? Well Elder Bray and I are not going to give up! As we sometimes go into some of your apartments we notice the condition of your beds. Some of you do very well and some, well let's say we need to do some work in this area.

A neat, clean bed radiates comfort and cleanliness and invites peaceful sleep and good feelings. A mass of tangled sheets and covers heaped on a padded mattress that looks something like a bed may be what you are used to, but we would like to see that changed!

Here's a quick hint: Before jumping out of bed roughly arrange the sheets. It's easier to do from inside the bed rather than running around it. Slide out carefully and do some final tucking and adjusting to make it smooth and neat.

Remember—The spirit doesn't want to kneel with you next to a mangled mess of sheets and covers!!!!

Let's bring the spirit of our Heavenly Father into the work by having order and cleanliness into our little missionary homes.

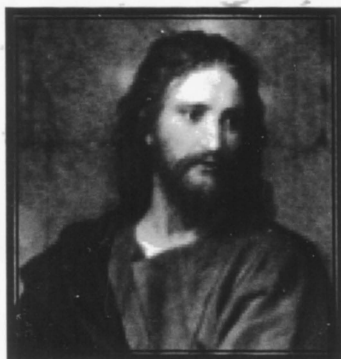
We love you and want you to become the best you can be!
Love, Elder and Sister Bray



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VEHICLE MESSAGE FROM ELDER NORTON

December's DVRs: Congratulations to Granite Zone, Temple Zone and Tooele Zone – all DVRs on time with all gas receipts!!!!

January's DVR's: Congratulations to Magna Zone, Temple Zone, Tooele Zone and West Valley Zone – all DVRs on time with all gas receipts!!!!

Wow!! Four months in a row for Temple Zone and three months for Tooele Zone. Again, on time is to me by the 5th of the month.

Accidents: What a terribly distasteful subject to discuss!!!! It certainly is no secret that over one-third of our vehicles have been involved in accidents since just before Thanksgiving time in November. Unfortunately the pace continues. Some have not been our fault, but most reflect our negligence. Fourteen of us have lost our driving privileges. Now the bad news: *Winter in Utah does not end until April or later!* And, if we can stretch it a little, the good news: Thirty-eight vehicles remain accident free since November!!!! (Told you I'd have to stretch.) Now for the very best (and I hope this doesn't put a hex on us) news: *We have had no significant injuries* in spite of our atrocious driving record!!!! May the Lord and His angels continue to protect us as we unitedly pray for our safety. Love Elder Norton



January Baptisms:

	Jan
Granite.....	06
Helaman.....	18
Magna.....	18
Olympus.....	19
Pioneer.....	22
Temple.....	26
Tooele.....	20
West Valley.....	06
Wyoming.....	05

Mission Totals For:

Jan.....	150
Dec.....	131

"Certified & Skilled Teacher"

CERTIFIED TEACHER

ELDER DAVIS
ELDER EDWARDS
ELDER HAYNIE
ELDER HOLYOAK
ELDER HONICK
ELDER IVANOV
ELDER MATTHEWS
ELDER MOURELATOS
ELDER ORBISO
ELDER ORR
SISTER PALU

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ELDER TUIKOLOVATU
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Departing Missionaries



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I will be forever grateful that I was able to serve a mission! I started out ready to conquer the world and have ended realizing that I've learned to conquer myself. I will be forever grateful for those who believed in me, encouraged me and helped me realize that as children of God we can accomplish anything with His help. I know Heavenly Father wants us to be successful in every righteous endeavor, and He has provided us with families and friends who can help us. I know the scriptures contain

the words of prophets chosen by God. I KNOW MY SAVIOR LIVES and as we give what we can, He will make up what we lack. I've really learned that on a mission. Without the Savior in our hearts, we cannot touch those around us. He died for each one of us so we can realize our worth and overcome our flaws. I know that Joseph Smith spoke with Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. I respect and admire him so much for sacrificing so much so that you and I could know who we are and why we are here and that the Lord still speaks to us because He loves us! How amazing it has been to share The Book of Mormon with our brothers and sisters and seeing their lives change and flourish. I know The Book of Mormon was written for our day. It has been a source of peace and joy to me on my mission. Thank you again to all those who taught me charity, love and patience through their example. May we all show each other the love and respect that children of our Father in Heaven deserve. I know He watches every one of us! NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH THE LORD!
Love, Sister Chetty



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"Remember the worth of souls is great in the sight of God". My mission had helped me to know that it's true, but to know also that they are great in our sight. Through the different experiences our vision for the lives of others changes. The mission is the time that we come to know more Jesus Christ, through forgetting ourselves and going to serve. Seeing the people's lives change and the blessings that they receive as they live the Gospel is the best miracle. I am grateful to God for the eternal impact that the

mission has been in my life, for helping me to grow, for helping me to learn to trust in Him and know that this is His work. I know that the true happiness comes through doing our best to make the lives of others happy. The Atonement is the best example of it. I know that through the Atonement of Jesus Christ we will enjoy eternal happiness. I know that God is our Heavenly Father, that Jesus Christ is our Savior, that they loved us so much that they restored the fullness of the Gospel on the Earth, by choosing Joseph Smith as a Prophet. He is the Prophet of the Restoration. The Book of Mormon is the witness of it. I love this work. I am in the Best Mission because I am serving with the Best Missionaries. I love you all. Thank you for your example, for all the things that you have taught me. I know of the potential that you have. There is a lot of work to do. Keep it up, we will double the baptisms, but not forget retention. A mis amigos hispanos quiero decirles que les quiero mucho y no los olvidare, siempre estaran gravados en mi corazon. La mision es buenisima y es lomejor. "I know that which the Lord hath commanded me, and I glory in it. I do not glory of myself, but I glory in that which the Lord hath commanded me; yea, and this is my glory, that perhaps I may be an instrument in the hands of God to bring some soul to repentance; and this is my joy. Thank you for being part of my life, 'Til we meet again'. Love, Elder Pablo Wajchman

Welcome New Missionaries!

INCOMING MISSIONARIES FEBRUARY 15, 2006

****Tongan Program**



Sister Davies Bothell,
Bothell,
Washington



Sister Hume Lancaster,
Lancaster,
Pennsylvania



Elder Kubal
San Jose,
California



Sister Larsen Bridgewater,
Bridgewater,
Virginia



Elder Mohetau Vaini,
Tonga **



Elder Rigg
Anchorage,
Alaska



Elder Torrey
Quebec,
Canada

